Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification to replace the currently numbered paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs:

[0006] A sedation and analgesia system may be used in a wide variety of medical applications, such as endoscopy, where the benefits of sedative, amnestic, and/or analgesic drug delivery are desirable. Sedation and analgesia systems may integrate patient monitoring, such as pulse oximeters and respiratory rate monitors, with a system of drug delivery. Such systems may further integrate the delivery of oxygen, where the delivery of gases and drugs is coordinated with monitored patient parameters to ensure patient safety. An example of such an integrated sedation and analgesia system is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/324,759, filed June 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,807,965) and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0010] FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of one embodiment of a sedation and analgesia system 22 having user interface 12, software controlled controller 14, peripherals 15, power supply 16, gas monitoring and delivery system 9, external communications 10, patient interface 17, and drug delivery 19, where sedation and analgesia system 22 is operated by user 13 in order to provide sedation and/or analgesia to patient 18. An example of sedation and analgesia system 22 is disclosed and enabled by United States patent application serial number 09/324,759, filed June 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,807,965), which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. Examples of patient interface 17 are disclosed and enabled by U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/592,943, filed July 23, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,938,619) and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0027] Further embodiments of the present invention comprise a tongue depressor 97 ~~(not shown)~~, that is an extension of bite portion 60, which extends beyond inner rim 64 into the patients mouth, where the tongue depressor 97 holds down the patient's tongue and prevents them from using their tongue to push out the bite block.